

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1831 – SB 2257**

March 27, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Makes various changes to the requirements for prescribing, dispensing, and reporting of opioids.

Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the Division of Health Related Boards (HRB), to study and analyze the impact and effects of the restrictions and limitations set forth in this Act.

Requires the Commissioner of the DOH to issue a report, no later than November 1, 2021, relative to the impact and effects of such restrictions and limitations to the Governor, the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate, and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives. Effective date of January 1, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015082, 016012):** Amendment 015082 deletes and replaces language of the proposed legislation such that the only substantive changes are: (1) changes the morphine milligram equivalent dose from a daily dose of 40 morphine milligram equivalent to a total dose of 1,200 morphine milligram equivalent; and (2) changes the effective date from January 1, 2019, to July 1, 2018, and establishes that the Act shall terminate on July 1, 2023.

Amendment 016012 adds language to the legislation to require that certain controlled substances be dispensed by a pharmacy in a lockable vial except in certain instances.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration (Benefits Administration), and the Division of TennCare (Division), the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on any plans administered by Benefits Administration or the Division; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the DOH, the proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the DOH or the health related boards; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division of HRB had a surplus of \$4,526,956 in FY15-16, a surplus of \$3,551,254 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$32,645,083 on June 30, 2017.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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